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MEMORANDUM

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TO: General Administrative List,
UCRL Livermore and Berkeley

FROM: Classification Section
UCRL, Livermore

SUBJECT: FUTURE NUCLEAR TEST OPERATIONS

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The Division of Classification, USAEC, Washington, D.C. has advised that the following guidance relating to any potential full scale nuclear test operation has been approved and will be incorporated in a revised Eniwetok Proving Grounds Guide:

1. FUTURE TEST OPERATIONSGRADERD STATUS

- 1.1 Statement that a full-scale nuclear test series (one or more detonations) will be held during some definite period of time expressed in terms of calendar/fiscal years, seasons, months, or with starting dates, duration of tests or termination dates with or without association with the code word.

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- 1.1.1 Statement that a test will be held (with or without code names, nicknames or dates).

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NOTE: Customarily future tests are declassified, and announced, by joint AEC-DOD action.

- 1.1.2 Implications only of a nuclear test series inherent in the build-up and planning functions such as procurement, shipping, employment, personnel movement and/or general support activities.

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* Denotes non-Restricted Data which requires protection as Defense Information.

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1.2 AEC "code" words for future test operations. It is considered that only association of the "code" word with time (See 1.1) is revealing and not its identification as a test operation. Hence the operation "code" word is a code word in situations revealing the timing of a test series, but is a nickname for all other references.

1.2.1 Hardtack or Operation Hardtack when used as a "nickname" (i.e., in any context not revealing time).

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EXAMPLE: The mere association JTF-7 with Hardtack or Operation Hardtack but without indication of timing is not a revealing context.

1.2.2 A code word such as Hardtack or Operation Hardtack used in any context which reveals the time of a nuclear test operation. (See 1.1).

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NOTE: The intent of the use of "code" words is to permit unclassified reference to a forthcoming nuclear test operation with the understanding that such reference of itself does not provide: (1) a statement that a potential nuclear test operation will be held at NTS or EPG or (2) a statement that a nuclear test operation will be held during some definite period of time (See 1.1)

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